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UTILIZATION OF FUND UNDER ABOLITION OF CHILD LABOUR PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released and utilized for abolition of child labour during each of the last three years and thereafter, State-wise and programme-wise alongwith its impact on the said programme;

(b) the reasons for non-utilization of funds;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure full utilization of allocated funds; and

(d) the success achieved in the programme for eradication of Child Labour?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Government is implementing the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) in 250 districts of the country for the rehabilitation of the child labour. INDUS child labour project, a jointly funded Project of Govt. of India and US Deptt. of Labour is also being implemented in 21 districts. Under the NCLP as well as INDUS Projects, funds are released to the concerned District Collectors. In addition to these Projects, Government is also implementing the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations in the districts, which are not covered under NCLP/INDUS Projects. State-wise details of funds released/utilised under NCLP, INDUS and Grants-in-aid Schemes for the rehabilitation of child labour during each of last three years are as per statement at Annexure. The funds released are utilised by the districts under various components as provided for under the Schemes. Under the NCLP scheme funds have been fully utilised (more than 90%) during the last three years. As INDUS Project started only in 2003, funds have not been fully utilised due to late start of the schools in the project districts and on certain other components of the Project. Under the NCLP scheme 3.37 lakh children are currently enrolled in Special Schools and 4.57 lakh children have been already mainstreamed. Similarly, under the INDUS Project, 43014 children are enrolled in the Specials Schools and 27,553 children have been mainstreamed into the formal education system.

(c): Implementation of the scheme is being regularly monitored through the periodical reports/returns and field visits by the State and Central Government officials. Review meetings with the senior officials of the State Governments are also being held regularly to ensure full utilisation of funds.

(d): Under the NCLP scheme 4.57 lakh children and under INDUS project 27,553 children have been mainstreamed into formal education system.